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Traitor or Faithful?

I'm a relative latecomer to 'The Traitors', the TV gameshow that has gripped the nation. And, I have to say, I'm loving it! I love the twists and skullduggery, and of course the opportunity to partake in a little amateur armchair detective work!



Set in an appropriately spooky Scottish Castle, it's a grand scale game of Cluedo where a secret group of Traitors tries to 'kill off' or banish the Faithful while avoiding detection and banishment themselves. It's a modern-day parable about how mistrust can corrode relationships as Traitors are expected to lie, backstab and betray their way to the prize money.

It's an opportunity for the most moral of players to exercise their darker side within a game, and a fascinating psychological study of human nature as we watch the Traitors both struggle with and delight in their underhandedness. It's intriguing also to watch the Faithful desperately prove their integrity as they increasingly become suspicious of everyone.

The root of the word integrity means something like 'whole' or 'undivided'. To have integrity means that our outer actions align with, or are faithful to, our inner values; that we have what the Psalm writer calls 'an undivided heart' (Psalm 86 v11).

Integrity requires that first we honestly own the darker side which exists in all of us. It demands that we acknowledge the potential in all of us to scheme and lie. In our mistakes, it asks us to own up and apologise. In our decision-making, it asks us to ask ourselves 'Would we be proud of this?'. In our commitment, it asks that we audit ourselves; that we stop saying yes to things we can't fulfil.

While it's fun to watch the Traitors do their thing, the greater call on all of us is to be the Faithful; to faithfully live lives that build others up, rather than shoot them down.

As Advent approaches at the end of November, it offers space and time to examine our hearts; to seek that wholeness that brings a deeper mental peace; that integrity that builds stronger relationships and a better world.

Rev Alan

Registers

Baptism – Welcome into the family of the Church

4 October – **Cecelia Lunar Gardener-Lisher**

Confirmation

20 September – **Wendy Kuhn**

Some Dates for your Diary

Sunday 1 November - **Service for the Bereaved** 2pm at St Andrews. A special service where we remember by name those who have died in recent years; with music, readings and an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones.
Mondays 2,16,30 November – **Mindfulness on Sele** 10.30am at the Sele Hub, Fleming Crescent
Wednesday 4 November – **Mindfulness** 7.30pm in person at St Andrew's (Online only Wednesday 18 November at 7.30pm)
Wednesday 4 November – **Service for All Saints & All Souls** 10.30am at St Andrew's
Sunday 8 November **– Remembrance Sunday service** 9.15am at St Mary's and the **Act of Remembrance** 10.50am at **Birch Green War Memorial**
Thursday 12 November **– "Sing Along A Dolly"** 7.30pm at St Andrews. A tribute to the wonderful Dolly Parton for charity
21 November – **Christmas Market at St Mary's** 10am-1pm (see advert for more details)
29 November **– Candle-Lit Service for Advent** 6.30pm at St Andrew's

Please note the All-Age Service in November will be the first Sunday (1st) due to Remembrance Sunday on 8th.

All-Age Services 2026

A shorter child-friendly service for all ages at 9.15am
on Sundays at St Mary's church
1 November - 13 December - Christmas Day

Sunday Services at St Mary's

Sung Eucharist 9.15am every Sunday
Zoom Sunday Service (with St Andrew's) 10.30am
All-Age Service 9.15am on 2nd Sunday of each month (unless notified



Remembrance Sunday 8th November

9.15am service at St Mary's

10.50am Act of Remembrance and laying of wreaths at the Birch Green War Memorial. .

Please park considerately and pass quietly at the time of the service – thank you

Christmas 2026 at St Mary's

Here are the December dates and times in advance for your diary. More details will be in the December magazine

Tuesday 8th at 7pm – **Handbells & Carols** at The White Horse Hertingfordbury

Thursday 17th at 7.30pm **- Candle-lit Service of 7 lessons and Carols** followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Saturday 19th at 4pm **– Mulled wine, Beer and Carols** sing-a-long in our beautiful churchyard (weather permitting!)

Christmas Eve – A **Quieter Crib and Christingle Service** at 12.30 followed by the second **Crib & Christingle Service** at 2pm

Christmas Eve Midnight Service - 11.15pm at St Andrews only

Christmas Day Service - 9.15am Christmas Communion for all ages

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St Mary's News ..... All-Age Harvest Festival Service

We had a very special All-Age Harvest Festival service with over 60 adults and children in the congregation. As usual Rev Alan gave a very amusing but meaningful "sermon"(see below) about an alternative view of the harvest with audience participation.

Also during the service very generous gifts of non-perishable foods were taken to the altar by the congregation to be given to Haven First which provides shelter and support for the homeless in Stevenage and North Herts.





The church looked beautiful with autumn flower arrangements by our excellent flower arranging team for whom we are so grateful. So once again the wonder of the harvest was celebrated both in the service and the refreshments as always afterwards. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the morning

. . . . . Rev Alan's Harvest Sermon (All-Age)

When we think of Harvest, we usually think of BIG things; massive **tractors**, rolling fields of wheat, fruit trees heavy with apples. But today, I want to tell you a secret. This food wouldn't be here without a special team of microscopic superheroes. In fact, two of the most important workers on the planet are smaller than your little finger.



This is Barnaby the Earthworm. Now, Barnaby doesn't look like a typical superhero. He doesn't have a cape, he can't fly, and he spends his whole life covered in mud. But Barnaby has a superpower: **He makes the soil healthy**. If the soil gets too hard and packed down, plant roots can't move, and rainwater can't get through. Barnaby and his millions of worm friends dig tunnels through the dirt.

. . . . . All-Age Harvest Festival Service

And those tunnels act like tiny pipes that let air and water reach the roots of apple trees, carrots, and potatoes! And when a worm poops—it creates the best vitamins for plants to grow big and strong. Without the "Ground Crew," our fields would be hard, dry, and empty. Let's give a quiet "Wiggle Wiggle" thank you to the worms!

Meet our second superhero. Bella the Bumblebee! Bella's superpower is **Pollination**. Bella flies from flower to flower to collect sweet nectar. While she is having her snack, tiny yellow dust called pollen sticks to her furry legs. When she flies to the next flower, she drops a little bit of that dust.

So, did you know that an apple flower cannot turn into an apple unless a bee brings it pollen?



No bees means no apples, no strawberries, and definitely no honey! Let's give a loud *"Buzzzzz!"* thank you to the bees! Isn't it amazing? To get one single piece of fruit, we need the worm working underground, and the bee working overground. They are a team!

But sadly, both are struggling, so we need to help

For the worms. If we have a garden, then try not to use chemicals that poison the soil, and we can bury vegetable peelings under the ground which they love.

For the bees, plant flowers for each season, let a patch of your lawn grow wild, make a bee bath – a shallow dish with pebbles.

Harvest teaches us two important things today:

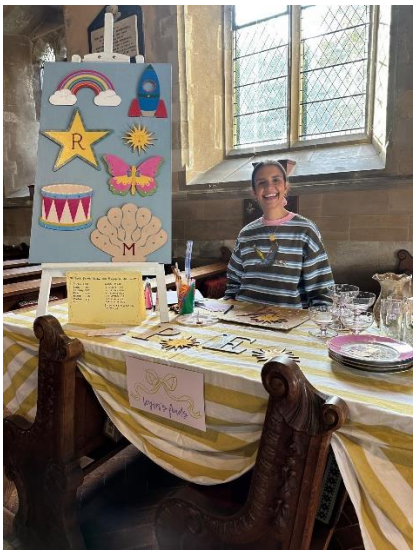
1. Big things start small. You don't have to be big and strong like a tractor to change the world. Even the smallest creatures—and the youngest children—have an important part to play in looking after our world.
2. Saying thank you. At Harvest, we say thank you for our food, the farmers, and the sun and rain. But this year, let's also remember to be thankful for the wrigglers and the buzzers who work so hard for us.

"Dear God, Thank you for the amazing, hidden helpers in nature. Thank you for the tiny earthworms keeping the soil healthy, and the busy bees helping fruit to grow. Help us to help them. Help us to be like them—working together and doing our part, no matter how small we are"

Rev Alan

St Mary's News ..... Le Café Francais









Le Café Français on Saturday 26 September was a great success. Everyone entered the spirit of the occasion with many dressing accordingly and French could be heard being spoken! A big thank you to the refreshments team and stall holders. And a special thank you to the musicians, David and Jon, who ensured the ambiance of the occasion. We appreciated the support of so many people from Hertingfordbury, The Greens and further afield. Merci beaucoup. C'était formidable! Helen







St Mary's News ..... Teddy Bears Picnic





Glorious weather to enjoy in the churchyard and Rev Alan and Lindsey tell a story

On the same glorious day as Le Café Francais, in the afternoon we had the Teddy Bears Picnic for the local young families, held in the churchyard. Many brought their own picnics and were treated to fun and games, stories and for the brave teddies the usual zipwire from the top of the church tower. So it was a very busy day at St Mary's so many thanks to all those that helped, organised and attended.

. . . . . The Church Tower Clock Refurbishment



Thank you to all of those who have made a donation towards the cost of work to service the Church tower clock and refurbish the clock face. Any further donations would be most welcome and much appreciated. We have assigned the work to Time Assured, a company specialising in the conservation and repair of Church and Public Clocks.

We were hoping that the work would commence by October of this year whilst the weather conditions remained fair. However staff health issues have resulted in a delay meaning we may have to wait until the prospect of suitable weather conditions in March / April of next year. Whilst we are all disappointed that the work is not already underway, in the general scheme of things as the clock dates back to 1854 a few months shouldn't make too much difference! We will keep everyone up to date on the project and again many thanks.

St Mary's News ..... An Even Warmer Welcome Now!

When Jane, Bishop of Hertford, visited us recently she said what a very special warm welcome she was given. Well that welcome has now become even better because we have recently had a new heating system installed after all the breakdowns and issues we had last winter. We have endeavoured to make this as carbon friendly as possible given the structure and age of the church.



Many options were explored and the most suitable for us is a Hybrid system using gas boilers and an air source heat pump. The heat pump will often be all that is needed when the Brace room is used during the week and will also help to raise the temperature for when the boilers kick in, making them more efficient. A degree of heating is needed every day in the church to help maintain the building and infastructure as well as helping the efficiency of the system.

This has come at a much bigger cost than just replacing the boilers but St Mary's has managed this from it's existing funds thanks to the continued support of the village and congregation and the generous legacies that have been given specifically for the up keep of the building.

Special thanks must also go to David Gorton who has worked tirelessly with advisors, suppliers/contractors and our church architect to get the best Hybrid option given our circumstances. Nobody wants to sit with family and children in a freezing cold church!

Online Worship & Activity for St Mary's

Sunday Morning Worship – Sunday Evening Compline – Mindfulness & Meditation

If you can't get to church or it's not convenient then you don't have to miss out!

In conjunction with St Andrew's we continue to offer online services and activity, be it Sunday mornings, Sunday evening Compline or Wednesday evening Mindfulness

Emails are sent out each time with the details to log on via Zoom as below

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Passcode: 602435

The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary

<u>The Christmas Market</u> – Saturday 21st November 10am – 1pm at St Mary's church.

Come along for refreshments whilst you shop for your local Christmas gifts.
Local Honey – Italian Olive Oil – British Cheeses – Jewellery – Hertingfordbury Gin – Candles – Pottery - Art – Scarves – Wreaths - Raffle
Contact Helen Bishop 07446 694890 (see the advertisement)

Early 2027

- **February – Our annual Race Night**
- **May – Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir** in concert at St Mary's

More specific dates and details will follow very soon





The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary was granted charitable status in 2023 (Charity number 1206041). The purpose of The Friends is to raise money for the restoration and preservation of the church building and churchyard. The funds are not for the day to day running of the church. That's the responsibility of the congregation. We should like to make sure that this beautiful church is here for future generations.
If you would like to make a donation there is a card reader at the back of the church on the wall by the South Door or please do not hesitate to contact me.
Thank you for your support. Helen Bishop the <u>fobury@outlook.com</u> / 07746 694890

The BIG Christmas Church Clean !

St Mary's Christmas church clean this year will be on Saturday 19th December 10am - 12noon. Everything provided - Dusters, Mops, along with Coffee, Tea, Cake, Mince Pies, Music and the necessary ingredient - Laughter!
Your help will be very much appreciated even if only for half an hour
Everyone very welcome - Virginia 01992 583560

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Glory be God for dappled things
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings

- Gerald Manley Hopkins

Celebrating Nature Art Exhibition

St Mary's celebrated Environment Sunday (4 October) with a wonderful exhibition of artwork in celebration of nature organised by the "Painting For Pleasure" art group (a small U3A group of amateur artists who meet weekly during term time at The Brace Room at St Mary's). All the members of the group contributed examples of their work in the exhibition and these were supplemented by pictures created by other prominent local artists, including Rev Alan, and some by artistic friends. There were also photographs taken by local people and some artefacts which had been found within the ancient Parish of Hertingfordbury.

There was a wonderful range of work on show and it was lovely to see so many members of the community come along to enjoy the exhibition, listen to the live music accompaniment and catch up over refreshments in the Brace Room.







While it was an opportunity to celebrate Creation, it was also an opportunity to reflect on the effects of climate change on our precious earth. The UK is not used to scorching hot temperatures and long droughts – so what happened this year was a powerful warning that our climate is changing fast. As we sweltered through May, July and August, the rest of nature was under even more pressure, with water in short supply and nowhere to shelter from the heat. Fields and lawns were scorched brown, there were few insects to be seen, wild deer and voles were desperate for water. It was a reminder that the wellbeing of our planet and its creatures cannot be taken for granted – to survive and flourish, they must be cherished and cared for.

Eco Church

2026 marks the tenth anniversary of A Rocha's Eco Church project – and there are now over 9000 churches registered in England and Wales, working together and with local communities to put care for God's earth into practice. It's been a delight to connect with churches in Hertford to discuss projects and support one another in our Eco Church journey. There are many elements to caring for the environment and cutting our carbon footprint is one of these - we hope to have more news to share next time.

If you are interested in being involved with Eco Church, contact Rachel Carter, raich.carter@yahoo.co.uk. We meet regularly to discuss our projects

Keech hospice care

Postage Stamps

Alma would like to thank everyone who has contributed used postage stamps to our charitable cause. They have all been passed on to Keech to raise money for their Hospice Care programme. Please continue to leave your stamps at the back of the church especially as we have the busy stamp time at Christmas coming up





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Church Flower Rota – November

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15th *Sharron Maxwell & Penny Duce –* ***22nd*** *Sue Payne*
29th *Sue Parsell*

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Hertingfordbury Cowper C of E (VA) Primary School

'ROOTED IN JESUS, GROWING IN WISDOM, OVERFLOWING WITH THANKFULNESS'
(COLOSSIANS 2:7)

It has been a very busy start to the new school year here at Hertingfordbury Cowper. We look forward to sharing lots of news about the children's learning, experiences and our school events each month in the Parish News. We have had a good first half term. It is always great to walk around the different classrooms and see the children engaged in and enthusiastic about their learning.

Manor Adventure Residential Trip

In September, children from Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed an activity packed week away on their residential trip to Manor Adventure in Derbyshire. We were blessed with glorious sunshine, and the children took part in a whole array of activities including archery, kayaking, grass sledging, hill walking and river tubing on the River Derwent, to name but a few. This week away gives the children a brilliant experience that cannot be replicated within a classroom. They all came back extremely proud of their achievements. The staff at Manor Adventure had high praised for our children - 'What a wonderful bunch of children you have brought us, so polite and well behaved! An absolute credit to yourselves and your school!'



School Games Mark - Platinum Award

We are proud to announce that for the fifth time in a row we have been awarded the highest level of 'Platinum' for the School Games Mark.

This shows our commitment to PE in our school, our involvement in sporting events and competitions alongside all of our extra-curricular provision for physical activity and sport.

Harvest Celebrations



At the start of October, we had our school Harvest Celebration led by Rev Alan. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our families for the donations given in support of the Welwyn Garden City Food Bank and the Hertford Pantry. Both of these provisions make a valuable difference for our local community. It is a real symbol of us living out our school vision and 'overflowing with thankfulness' for all that we have and being able to share this with our wider community.

Following this, the Year 3 children went to St Albans Cathedral to represent our school and be a part of 'The Schools' Harvest Celebration Service' for the diocese.



Reception Admissions 2027

The online system to apply for a Reception place for September 2027 will open on Monday 2nd November 2026 and the closing date is Friday 15th January 2027. We are booking tours of our school for those wishing to visit prior to applying. Please contact the school office for dates and availability (01992 583239).



Alternatively, please pass on the school details to friends and family who may be applying for a Reception school place.

Friends of Panshanger Park

Panshanger Park is a wonderful natural area within our wider community and so the Friends of Panshanger Park are sharing some of it's history - some of which will include the village and greens and some not.

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This month Geoff Cordingley continues with some of the interviews given by members of Hertford Oral Society …….

Panshanger Reflections from Hertford Oral History Group

Hertford Oral History Group (HOHG) began recording people's reminiscences in 1990. The initial aim was to collect as many of the older generation's memories as possible. Over 400 recordings have been made and three quarters of the transcripts are available on Hertford Museum website.

A number of the recordings contain references to Panshanger and our community. Since the HOHG recordings are from 1990 onwards the references are to the time the estate was owned by Ettie Desborough. The seventh Earl died without issue and left the estate to Ettie, nee Fane, who was his niece. She was married to William Grenfell, Lord Desborough who owned Taplow Court, near Maidenhead. The extracts to come give a snap shot of life in a large house in the 1920s and 1930.



This month Mary Mason describes her time as a kitchen maid. Mary was Miss Tweddle originally and came from County Durham. She started work in Panshanger in July 1936 (aged 17) but she'd moved to the south-east a couple of years earlier than that because she didn't want to work in a factory. She lived in one of the houses on Welwyn road just by the Tewin turnoff.

Welwyn Road house (left)

The time the kitchen staff got up varied. *"If it was a weekend party we had to be up early, six easy, but normally about seven, not very early, you know. And then there was the grates to clean and get lit. Great big black grate to clean and light it, to get it hot ready to cook the dinners, because it was all cooked on grates, not gas, no electric.*

[it was an] old fashioned grate, big black grate with all the pans used to go on it and a place above to put your plates and that....A big coal fire that had to be cleaned and lit every morning. [I had] to keep feeding it, yes, but the 'odd' man, as we called him, used to keep us supplied with the fuel: used to fetch it in, you know. We never carried any hods of coal in. He kept that going. But we used to feed it.

[After starting the fires we would] start preparing. If there was breakfast to do, the butler would have his breakfast but there was never really much to do for the dining room, not unless there was a weekend party or she had visitors. Then there was their breakfast. We'd do breakfast for the steward's room [Where the staff ate]. Just fried bacon and perhaps

Panshanger Reflections from Hertford Oral History Group

sausages, nothing much. If it was the dining room [for Desborough's visitors] it was bacon, egg in crumbs dropped in deep fat and there'd be sausages. There'd be everything under the dishes and it'd all go in. But the steward's room was just ordinary, as though you was at home cooking for somebody. And then after breakfast, no washing up come back to us. We was preparing for dinner.

Freda [the cook] would write the menu. We was never told what they wanted. She'd write a menu and then her Ladyship would come down about, perhaps tennish, to pass that menu. See if she wanted it. She used to come along that passage, she'd warn you she was coming, ... she'd go, "Freda! Freda!" {in a high voice.} She'd warn you, and hiss us. You knew she was coming! Then she'd come in the kitchen and she'd study the menu. That suited her. She'd say, "Yes, that'll do." She might alter one or two things but not really. She used to just leave it as it was and then just get on with the lunch, cook for her. Whatever they wanted. His Lordship mainly mince, not mince from the butcher. Say it was cooked chicken we'd had. We had to mince it, chop it, not through any mincer, chop it, hand chop it, and he liked a lot of mince and eggs. Well he was an old man when I went there. [Lord Desborough was born in 1855). This is the point. But they used to have that and perhaps a pheasant. But very easy to feed, nothing exciting in ordinary times, only when there was a party or visitors. That's when the cooking was on the go. Used to give them their lunch. The steward's room had their lunch.

[Washing up] The still room done the silver. That was the parlour maids and the butler. They see to all the silver. The still room see to all the china. The best china we never touched that at all. We just done our scullery washing up, just pans, all what we used we cleaned.

We cooked what we wanted [for ourselves]. The whole staff was on board wages. We never cooked for any of the staff exceptin' veg. We used to cook their veg, whatever greens and potatoes only. They used to fetch their dishes into us. They brought their dishes but that's all we done for the staff exceptin' the butler. They bought [their meat]. They was on board wages. They went out to buy it. It was just like running their own house. They used to get £3 10s a month board wages. It wasn't their wages, not for working, that was to keep them, to buy their own food. That was a food allowance, what they call board wages. They could eat what they wanted. Their veg. was cooked only so we didn't have no staff to cook for. [They cooked] in their own places. The housemaids had their own room with an oven. The still room had theirs.

[What was left from the dining room], we used to dish it out, give it to them to eat. Anyone who wanted it or share it out. We used to have what we wanted. We didn't have leftovers, not in the kitchen. We wanted perhaps the same as them, and we had it.

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If you wish to contact the Parish Council please contact the Clerk
Clerk: Katie Eyre at clerk@hertingfordbury-pc.gov.uk

Council Meetings
Meetings are at Hertingfordbury Cowper School between 7pm – 9pm. Members of the public are welcome. Please see website for latest dates

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- **Parish Room (The Brace Room) at St Mary's Church, Hertingfordbury**
- **Cowper School, Birch Green – outside the school gate**





Hertingfordbury Village

Your local representatives at a glance

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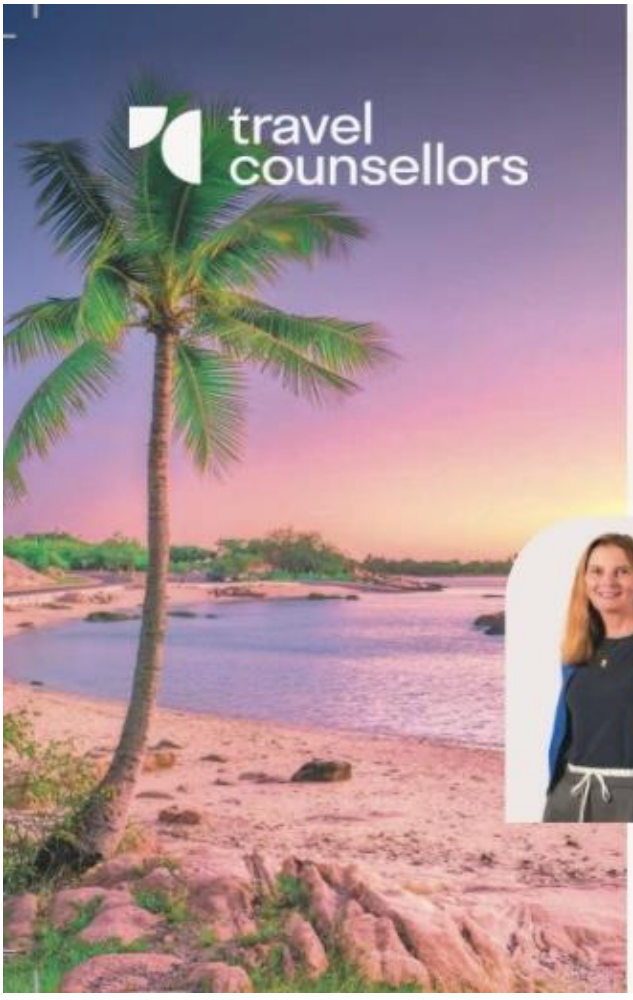
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WhatsApp Groups

If you would like to be part of the **St Mary's Church WhatsApp Group** please contact David Gorton on 07544 702241

Hertingfordbury Village WhatsApp Group is a sociable community group. For more information please contact Mick Barratt

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Wednesday (Usually Twice Monthly)
Mindfulness & Meditation 7.30pm

Sunday
Service of the Word 10.30am

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Online by Zoom on Wednesdays, usually twice a month at 7.30pm – dates vary so please see St Andrew's website or "Dates for you Diary" earlier in this publication

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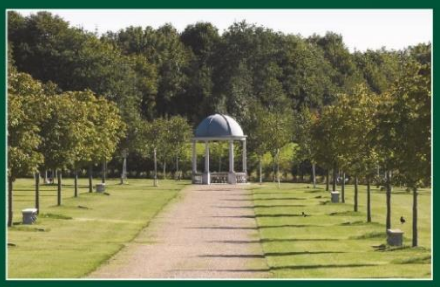
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